

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Before paragraph [0001], add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] -- The invention relates to an implantable electromechanical converter for cochlea implants and for implantable hearing aids ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~--.

Before paragraph [0010], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

[0010] -- The object is solved ~~in conjunction with the features recited in the preamble of claim 1 in that~~ by an implantable electromechanical converter for receiving oscillations from an ear ossicle and for converting the received oscillations into an electrical voltage, for use as a microphone for a cochlea implant or an implantable hearing aid, including piezoelectric converter elements housed in a hermetically sealed hollow body made of a biocompatible material, wherein the hollow body has a thin shell which is coupled on its interior side with piezoelectric converter elements and can be coupled on its exterior side to an ear ossicle, and is

supported by a stable edge which is coupled to a counter-support in the middle ear space.--.

Before paragraph **[0020]**, add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Before paragraph **[0029]**, add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Pages 12, 13, delete completely.

Page 14, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.